[*Translation*]

Auranga Reservoir Project, Bihar

4853. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL:
SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to reply given to USQ No. 1381 on July 27, 1995 and state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Aurangha reservoir scheme at the time of sanction and the assessment made of the project in June, 1983;

(b) whether the Union Government have received the revised estimate of the Auranga reservoir scheme from the Government of Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present estimated cost of the scheme;

(d) the share of investment (with percentage) to be borne by the Union Government and the State Government; and

(e) the amount allocated by the Union Government and State Government, separately so far, alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The estimated cost of Auranga Reservoir Project (Bihar) at 1981-82 price level as approved by Planning Commission during Sept., 1983 was Rs. 125.40 crores.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, State Government of Bihar submitted first revised estimate at 1987-88 price level amounting to Rs. 297.81 crores in July, 1989 which has been approved by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry in August, 1993 subject to certain observations. The State Government has now submitted the second revised estimate in August, 1996. The latest estimated cost is Rs. 529.49 crores.

(d) and (e) Irrigation is a State subject. The projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Government from its own resources. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants not tied up to any particular project/Sector. Anticipated expenditure upto 3/95 is Rs. 18.4 crores.

[*English*]

Function for Indian Independence

4854. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some functions at National and State level were organised to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Indian Independence and pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives for noble cause of independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) It has been decided by the Government of India to celebrate Golden Jubilee of India's Independence from 15th August 1997 to 15th August, 1998. A National Committee under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister has been constituted. An Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Minister of Human Resource Development has also been constituted. The Implementation Committee shall be inter-alia responsible for evolving events and programmes towards commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of India's Independence. The Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors of States and Union Territory Administrations respectively have been requested to set up State/UT level Committees.

[*Translation*]

Storage of River Water

4855. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country receive on an average 1,170 MM water through rains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a very meagre part of this water is available to common citizen in the form of drinking water; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the percentage of the total rainy water targetted to be harnessed by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The annual average of normal rainfall in the country is about 1189 MM.

(b and (c) Owing to the topographical, hydrological and other constraints, full utilisation of rain water is not possible. The total utilisable water (surface and ground) available in the country has been assessed as 1142 billion cubic metres. Out of this, the utilisation for various purposes at the end of the year 1994 is as under:

Purposes	Utilisation (in billion cubic metres)	Percentage of utilisation
1	2	3
Irrigation	501.00	82.7
Domestic (for drinking and other purposes)	30.40	5.0